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Tohono Chul Park and the Arizona Department of Water Resources Announce 2003 Xeriscape Contest Winners

Tohono Chul Park and the Arizona Department of Water Resources recognized the winners of their 2003 Xeriscape Contest at a ceremony at Tohono Chul Park on May 15. Awards were given to recognize the work of professionals and property owners who have made innovative and appropriate use of native and low-water-use plants, water harvesting, greywater and efficient irrigation systems.

The main reason for this contest is to increase awareness of innovations in landscaping and water efficiency and to encourage others to utilize these practices to create beautiful landscapes. The use of Xeriscaping and native plants is an important aspect of desert-appropriate landscaping and promoting water conservation in our community. Fine examples of these exist throughout the Tucson area, and the following were recognized for their outstanding landscapes:

Professional Industrial:

1st Place Medians & Rights-of-way:

Greey & Picket, AAA Landscape, for Dove Mountain medians

2nd Place Medians & Rights-of-way: Jay Hicks, AAA Landscape for Starr Pass medians

Professional Residential:

1st Place: Joe Billings for the Colville Residence

2nd Place: Marla Ruane, Greening Fine Gardens, for Schorr Residence

Public Education: 1st Place: Harelson Elementary School

Homeowners: 1st Place: Wendy Timm

Professional Judges' Awards

Best Water Harvesting in a Small Space: Lesley Mansur for Pomeroy Residence

Best Retro-fit of a High-Water-Use Landscape:

Marla Ruane, Greening Fine Gardens, for the Schorr Residence

Best Use of Natives:

Roberta Braegelmann, Sonoran Gardens, for the Luevano/Trinder Residence

Best Revegetation of a Disturbed Desert:

Greey & Picket, AAA Landscape, for Dove Mountain medians

Homeowner Judges' Awards

Best Design to Attract Wildlife: Wendy Timm

Special Treatment of a Hillside/Slope: J.P. Bradley

Best Collection of Cacti & Succulents: Valarie Miller

Best Use of Water Harvesting: Deborah Tosline

Honorable Mention for Plant Collection: Kimber DeLorenzo

Professionals and homeowners were judged separately. All landscapes must have been at least two years old. ADWR and Tohono Chul Park will again be hosting this contest in 2004. For more information on the 2004 contest, contact April Bourie at Tohono Chul Park at 742-6455, ext. 220.

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